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SUBJECT: (S) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE GOF ON
COOPERATION BETWEEN FINNISH COMPANY AND IRANIAN UAV PROGRAM

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[B](#). 07 STATE 164860
[C](#). STATE 38873
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[E](#). STATE 67404

Classified By: ISN/MTR DIRECTOR PAM DURHAM FOR REASONS 1.4 (C).

[1](#). (U) This is an action request. Embassy Helsinki, please see paragraph 4.

[2](#). (S) On several occasions since 2006, we have raised our concerns with the government of Finland (GOF) regarding the Finnish firm Vaisala Oy acting as a supplier to Iranian entities of concern (Refs). In late 2007, we advised GOF officials that as of mid-September 2007, Vaisala Oy had plans to sell MAWS100 weather stations to Fan Pardazan. We also reminded the GOF that in February 2006 we advised our Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Partners that Fan Pardazan may be affiliated with the Iranian UAV entity Qods Aeronautic Industries, a UNSCR-1747 designated entity (Ref B). In response to a request from Finnish officials to clarify what information we had indicating that Fan Pardazan may have been affiliated with Qods Aeronautics Entities, we supplied information that both companies share the same mailing address in Tehran (Refs D and E).

[3](#). (S) Objectives: We now want to share new information with the GOF regarding this case in order to assist in the GOF's investigation. Specifically, we want to advise Finnish authorities that a four-person Iranian delegation, possibly from Fan Pardazan, planned to visit the premises of Vaisala Oy between July 6 and 18 in order to conduct factory acceptance testing on equipment that is to be shipped to Iran in early August. We also believe that one of the delegation members, Reza Amidi, has previously been involved in procurement efforts for both Fan Pardazan and Qods Aeronautics Industries. We hope this information will encourage the GOF to investigate and take measures to prevent Vaisala Oy from acting - even unwittingly - as a source of supply to Iranian entities of concern or with UNSCR-designated entities.

[4](#). (U) Action Request: Department requests Embassy Helsinki approach appropriate host government officials to deliver the talking points in Paragraph 5 and report response. Talking points may be left as a non-paper.

[5](#). (S) Begin talking points/non-paper:

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-- In the spirit of our nonproliferation partnership, we would like to discuss a matter of proliferation concern.

-- In December 2007, we advised you that the Finnish firm Vaisala Oy was planning to sell MAWS100 weather stations to Iran's Fan Pardazan and that Fan Pardazan may have been using the name TEM Company in an effort to procure the items.

-- We also indicated that Fan Pardazan may be affiliated with the Iranian unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) entity, Qods (or Ghods) Aviation (or Aeronautics) Industries (also known as Qods (Ghods) Research Center).

-- Qods Aeronautics Industries is designated in Annex I of UNSCR 1747 as an entity associated with the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

-- In response to a request from your government for information that establishes a solid link between Fan Pardazan and Qods Aeronautics Industries, we advised you that the two firms share the same mailing address (P.O. Box 15875-1834, Tehran, Iran).

-- We now want to share additional information regarding this case.

-- Specifically, we understand that a four-person Iranian delegation possibly from Fan Pardazan had plans to visit the premises of Vaisala Oy in Vanda, Finland, between July 6 and 18, in order to conduct factory acceptance testing on equipment that is to be shipped to Iran in early August.

-- We believe that this equipment could be the meteorological equipment we first discussed with you in December 2007, and that it may be intended for use at Iranian unmanned aerial vehicle stations.

-- The delegation members are likely to be:

- Reza Amidi
- Ali Jafari
- Ghodratollah Horabadi
- Mohammad Khalaji

-- We believe that in the past, Reza Amidi has been involved in procurement efforts for both Fan Pardazan and Qods Aeronautics Industries.

-- We encourage you to investigate this information and take measures to ensure that Finnish entities are not engaged in business with UNSCR-designated entities.

-- We look forward to hearing the results of your inquiries and to continued cooperation on nonproliferation issues.

END TALKING POINTS.

16. (U) Please contact ISN/MTR's Sarah Beane with any questions or follow-up related to this case (202-647-4019 - beanesa@state.sgov.gov) and slug reporting on this issue for ISN/MTR and EUR/PRA.

17. (U) A word version of this document will be posted at www.state.sgov.gov/demarche.

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